ARB Research Project Process

1. SOLICIT RESEARCH CONCEPTS

A solicitation for research concepts is sent to the public, academics, industry, and ARB staff.

2. ARB STAFF REVIEW RESEARCH CONCEPTS

Research teams pass/fail ideas and provide comments on specific projects.

3. *RSC REVIEWS RESEARCH CONCEPTS

RSC reviews and provides technical comments for the Executive Research Review Committee (ERRC)**.

4. ERRC SELECTS PROJECTS

ERRC establishes priorities and select projects.



5. RSC APPROVES ANNUAL RESEARCH PLAN

RSC reviews list of selected projects and provides technical comments.



6. BOARD APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PLAN

Annual research plan presented to the Board for approval.



7. ARB STAFF DEVELOP PROPOSALS

ARB finds appropriate investigators to conduct the research and prepare detailed proposals.



8. RSC REVIEWS PROPOSALS

RSC reviews and provides technical comments on all research proposals. Recommends approval to the Board.



9. BOARD REVIEWS PROPOSALS

Board reviews and approves the funding for research proposals.



10. RESEARCH CONDUCTED

Research is performed by contractors and managed by ARB's research division.



11. RSC REVIEWS FINAL REPORT

RSC reviews and approves final reports before they are released to the public.

ARB performs outreach to all stakeholders to submit research concepts. (CCOS and other policy committees will be contacted directly.)

Any idea submitted related to agriculture, will be presented by ARB staff to appropriate review committees for evaluation and comment.

Proposals are technically reviewed by staff and appropriate industry/stakeholder groups before review by the RSC.

During the course of the project, progress reports are sent to interested staff and stakeholders.

Final reports are technically reviewed by staff and appropriate industry/stakeholder groups before review by the RSC.

- * RSC is a scientific panel that reviews proposed and completed projects on behalf of the Board.
- ** ERRC consists of the Executive Officer, the three deputies, and the Chief of the Research Division.

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